

Making a Difference

Roche in the UK

Roche aims to improve the health, quality of life and wellbeing of people in the UK. We do this through our innovative range of diagnostic, pharmaceutical and consumer health products that focus on the needs of individuals.

This breadth of interest enables us to take an integrated approach to healthcare, focusing on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease and the enhancement of wellbeing.

Part of one of the world's leading healthcare companies, Roche is proud to have been a part of the UK's healthcare environment since 1908. Today we employ around 1,800 people based at two main sites in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, and Lewes, East Sussex.

Roche's reputation is based on a remarkable record of innovation. Roche scientists in the UK, for example, discovered the first protease inhibitor, a new class of medicines that gave fresh hope to people living with HIV.

Today, the UK continues to play a significant role in driving forward medical progress, being home to one of three global sites for the development of Roche's new medicines. Some of our teams lead global trials of new medicines, others co-ordinate the UK hospitals and clinics who take part in the rigorous clinical trials that all new medicines must undergo before being licensed for wider use. A UK team, for example, led one of the key international trials of Roche's fusion inhibitor, another breakthrough in the fight against HIV.

Our UK pharmaceutical sales and marketing teams bring Roche's broad portfolio of products to the UK market. We already hold a prominent position in the treatment of obesity, cancer, viral diseases such as HIV, hepatitis C and influenza, heart and central nervous system conditions and inflammatory and autoimmune diseases. We strive to be a healthcare partner and work closely with healthcare professionals, government bodies and patient organisations to add value to our products and help ensure equal access to them.

As the UK leader in in-vitro diagnostics, Roche helps individuals and healthcare professionals to better diagnose and monitor medical conditions. Our products provide vital information on a range of conditions, in a range of locations, including hospitals, laboratories, doctors' surgeries, pharmacies and patients' own homes. For example, Accu-Chek is the UK's leading blood glucose monitor for people with diabetes.

Wherever possible, our pharmaceutical and diagnostics teams add value by providing diagnostics and therapies that work together as part of a holistic approach to managing disease and improving health. These synergies are set to increase and will help enable Roche to create solutions that are increasingly tailored to individuals.

In the consumer health field, Roche supports UK consumers with a range of well-known over-the-counter medicines and vitamin supplements that offer meaningful health benefits. As the company behind Rennie and Sanatogen, we market the UK's best selling indigestion range and best selling range of branded multivitamins. Our other key brands include Redoxon, Berocca and ProPlus.

Together, our businesses in the UK will continue to strive to make a real difference to healthcare, the UK's health services and, most importantly, people's lives.



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